

HUSBAND James MURDOCH

Born abt 1786 Place Commondyke, Ayrshire, Scotland  
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Husband James MURDOCH

Wife Mary MURRAY

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HUSBAND'S FATHER James MURDOCH

HUSBAND'S MOTHER Janet OSBORNE

WIFE Mary MURRAY

Born 13 Oct 1782 Place Glencairn, Dumfriesshire, Scotland  
 Chr. Place  
 Died 3 Oct 1856 3 Place Chimney Rock, Scottsbluff, Nebraska  
 Bur. Place

WIFE'S MOTHER Margaret MC CALL

WIFE'S FATHER John MURRAY

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1	F Janet MURDOCH chr	102812 29 Dec 1811	Boghead	Ayr	Sctl	20 Dec 1833 Alexander SMITH	102812	28 Jun 1866	350912	
2	F Mary MURDOCH chr	102812 27 Jun 1813	Birth: 16 Jun 1813 Boghead	Ayr	Sctl	24 Nov 1841 Margaret MC CALL	102812	12 Sep 1884	1	
3	M James MURDOCH chr	102812 10 Aug 1814	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl	15 Feb 1839 (1) George CALDOW	102853	4 Oct 1908	26030	
4	F Veronica MURDOCH chr	102812 30 Jun 1816	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl	4 Jun 1841 (1) Allan MAIR	102812	5 Dec 1900	483507	
5	F Mary MURDOCH chr	102856 8 Nov 1818	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl	25 Feb 1848 (1) Ann STEEL	102322	6 May 1910	26030	
6	M John "Murray" MURDOCH chr	102812 21 Jan 1821	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl	23 Jun 1846 (1) Janet LENNOX	102812	12 Mar 1913	26988	
7	F Margaret MURDOCH	102812 30 Dec 1822	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl					
8	M William MURDOCH	102812 3 Jul 1825	Gaswater	Ayr	Sctl					
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

102812 Auchinleck Parish Register, 102853 Muirkirk Parish Register  
 102322 Kirkconnel Parish Register, 102856 Old Cumnock Parish Register  
 1 David Lennox Murdoch's Family and Temple Record Book  
 2 William Murdoch's record book (compiled 1878)  
 3 Martin Handcart Company Record of J. G. Bleak, Salt Lake Herald

OTHER MARRIAGES

#4 md (2) 3 Jul 1879 Thomas GILES  
 #5 md (2) 1 Dec 1866 Thomas TODD, (div)  
 #5 md (3) 26 Jun 1871 Daniel MC MILLAN  
 #6 md (2) 9 Aug 1862 Isabella CRAWFORD  
 #8 md (2) 29 Jun 1882 Christina GRAHAM, (div)  
 #2 md (2) 26 Nov 1887 Mary REID Lindsay

MARY MURRAY MURDOCH (Also James Steel)

(Wee Grannie)

Many years ago in far off Scotland lived a beautiful woman whom today is honored and known by her numerous posterity as "Wee Grannie."

Her name was Mary Murray, born October 13, 1782, in Glencairn, Ayrshire, Scotland. Her parents were John Murray and Margaret McCall

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and Mary was the eldest child in a family of eleven children. She was small of stature being about 4 feet 7 inches at maturity, weighing a little over 90 pounds. She had grey-blue eyes, medium complexion and a strong determined will to accomplish what she deemed was right.

At the age of 29 she married James Murdoch of Ayrshire, Scotland, and to this union were born eight children, four of whom, together with the mother, joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Scotland and the four children came to Utah. Their names are Veronica Murdoch Giles, Mary Murdoch Mair, John M. Murdoch and William Murdoch.

While yet a young woman Mary was left a widow with seven small children in the year 1831, when her husband, James Murdoch, lost his life in a coal pit attempting to rescue a companion, a victim of foul air. They both died. Mary remained a widow and labored unceasingly to support herself and family, and succeeded in getting a home of her own. At the age of 74 she left her native Scotland and started for America. Her son John M. Murdoch and his wife Ann Steel came to Utah four years before in 1852, and had saved and sent money to Scotland to bring his mother and Ann's brother, James Steel, his wife and two small sons to America, their destination being Salt Lake City, Utah.

They started from Florence, Nebraska, with the Martin Handcart Company, August 25, 1856, and of course all had to walk that thousand miles to Salt Lake City. Through fatigue and a shortage of provisions many gave up and died. When about 400 miles on the journey Mary was not equal to the strain and near Chimney Rock in Wyoming, on October 3, she weakened and died without a murmur or complaint. Before she died she said to those around her: "Tell John I died with my face turned toward Zion."

James Steel also died soon after near Bitter Creek, Wyoming, leaving his widow and two small boys to mourn their loss.—*Millicent C. Wells*, 80

### NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS



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M	James MURDOCH	26	Jul	1841	Leadhills	Lanark	Sct1				
2									3	Sep	1861 224449
M	Alexander MURDOCH	30	May	1843	Gaswater	Ayr	Sct1				
3											
M	John MURDOCH	11	Feb	1846	Cumnock	Ayr	Sct1				
4									26	Aug	1854
M	William MURDOCH	1	Jul	1848	Auchinleck	Ayr	Sct1				
5									28	Jun	1873 300395
M	Robert MURDOCH	15	May	1851	Auchinleck	Ayr	Sct1				
6									25	Oct	1879 103422
M	Thomas MURDOCH	7	Nov	1853	Glasgow	Lanark	Sct1				
7		256493							2	Nov	1899 026554
M	William MURDOCH	5	Apr	1856	Anderston, Glasgow	Lanark	Sct1				
8		280584									
M	George MURDOCH	30	Jan	1859	Hutchesontown, Glasgow	Lanark	Sct1				
9		224133							6	Oct	1862 292894
M	Andrew MURDOCH	25	Jan	1861	Hutchesontown, Glasgow	Lanark	Sct1				
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